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SUBJECT: GATT WP ON EC-TURKEY PROTOCOL

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BEGIN SUMMARY: TURKEY HELD OPTIONS OPEN ON POSSIBLE  
DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF QRS. WP DID NOT REACH  
CONCLUSIONS RE GATT CONFORMITY OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL.  
END SUMMARY.

1. DURING SEPT. 25-27 MEETING GATT WORKING PARTY ON  
SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL TO EC-TURKEY AGREEMENT, EC  
(DUGIMONT) TOOK CUSTOMARY STANCE THAT PROTOCOL MET GATT  
REQUIREMENTS BUT INTRODUCED NO NEW ELEMENTS IN SPECIFIC  
GATT DEFENSE. IN GENERAL STATEMENT, U.S. INDICATED WE  
FAVOR CLOSER TURKEY-EC TIES AND RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF  
OBJECTIVE OF FORMING FULL CUSTOMS UNION, BUT BRIEFLY  
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REMIND WP ON REVIOUSLY EXPRESSES U.S. VIEW THAT CERTAIN

ASPECTS OF BASIC EC-TURKEY AGREEMENT DO NOT MEET GATT STANDARDS, ALONG LINES REFTEL.

2. TURKEY SAID IT WAS NECESSARY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER A CUSTOMS UNION AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES TO THE CUSTOMS UNION TOWARD OTHER GATT CPS. TURKEY SAID ARTICLE XXIV REQUIRED ELIMINATION OF DUTIES AND OTHER REGULATIONS OF COMMERCE, WHEREAS TURKEY'S OBLIGATIONS TOWARD THIRD COUNTRIES "WOULD CONTINUE BE FILLED WITHIN GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF GATT." TURKEY PROMISED "CONTINUE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE NOT DISCRIMINATE IN PRACTICE" AGAINST NON-EC COUNTRIES IN FIELD OF QRS BUT SAID, "BUT RULES FOR SETTING UP A CUSTOMS UNION MUST NEVERTHELESS BE CONSIDERED IN THEIR PROPER FRAMEWORK."

3. U.S. (SPRUCE) SAID IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE WHAT NAME OR EXPLANATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO DISCRIMINATION BUT OUR VIEW WAS THAT GATT DID NOT PERMIT EITHER DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OR DISCRIMINATORY REMOVAL OF QRS. THIS APPLIED BOTH TO SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL AND BASIC AGREEMENT AS WELL.

4. JAPAN WENT TO SOME LENGTH TO REPEAT ITS OWN DOUBTS RE GATT-COMPATIBILITY OF BASIC EC-TURKEY AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY AS CONCERNS LENGTH OF TRANSITION PERIOD, THE EXCLUSION OF SOME AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND APPLICATION OF QRS. JAPAN ALSO FELT SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL INTRODUCED NEW RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING SAFEGUARDS. CANADA MADE SIMILAR BUT SHORTER INTERVENTION. GREECE MADE SPECIAL POINT OF PROCLAIMING FULL GATT-COMPATIBILITY OF ALL EC-TURKEY PROTOCOLS. SPAIN AND TUNISIA SUPPORTED.

5. WP THUS DID NOT REACH CONSENSUS RE GATT-COMPATIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL AS IT NOW STANDS. SHORT MEETING PROCEEDED IN CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE, WITH EC, SOMEWHAT OUT OF CHARACTER IN TERMS OF OWN PERFORMANCE IN RECENT EC-ASSOCIATION WPS, SITTING BACK AND LETTING TURKEY FIELD MOST QUESTIONS. DALE  
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